This Department has been vigorously pursuing the matter with the Railways for procurement of wagons through Wagon India Ltd. (WIL) only instead of tender system.

Indo-US joints exercises

1824. DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:
SHRI TRILOKI NATH CHATURVEDI:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what are the objectives of Indo-US joint Army, Navy and Air Exercises;

(b) the details of the exercises undertaken in 1994 and 1995 of each wing of the armed forces; and

(c) whether such joint exercises are being contemplated with the armed forces of any other countries and if so, the details and if not, why these are confined with only the US?

THE MINISTER OF SATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Government are pursuing a policy of establishing and enhancing cooperation in the defence sector, with various friendly countries, including the USA. Defence cooperation with different countries, including the USA, encompasss, inter-alia, reciprocal visits, exchange of observes during exercises, training programmes and joint military exercises.

(b) Service-wise details of joint exercises undertaken with different countries during 1994 and 1995 (upto July) are as under:—

1994	1995	
Army	—	1
Air Force	—	—
Navy	6	5

(c) Yes, Sir. The interest of national security precludes disclosure of any further details.

Rocket Firing by Pakistan

1825. SHRI V. RAJESHWAR RAO: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Pakistan troops fired 10 rockets across the border in Poonch and Rajouri districts in the last week of July;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what is the response of Government to this?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI): (a) and (b) As per the information available, 7 Rockets were fired by Pakistani tropops/ terrorists supported by Pakistan from across the Line of Control in Poonch and Rajouri districts during the last week of July, 1995, resulting in the death of one civilian.

(c) A constant watch is being maintained on the situation in the area and necessary measures are being taken to maintain appropriate defence preparedness to thwart any misadventures from across the LOC.

Law and Order Situation in J&K

1826. SHRI O.P. KOHLI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pelased to refere to the answer to Unstarred Question 488 given in the Rajya Sabha on 3rd August, 1995 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that because of lack of unified command and multiplicity of authorities in Jammu and Kashmir, it has not been found possible to contain the insurgency effectively; and

(b) if so, what action Government propose to create a unified command in that State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI): (a) and (b) In view of the nature and scale of violence being perperated, with active